2008 GRANBY YOUTH BASKETBALL

For Boys & Girls Grades K - 8



GRANBY RECREATION & LEISURE SERVICES DEPARTMENT



IT'S BASKETBALL TIME!

GOALS OF THE PROGRAM

- To provide a positive recreational basketball program for youths in grades K-8.
- To instruct the players in the rules of the game.
- To develop individual skills.
- To foster teamwork and proper sportsmanlike attitudes.
- To establish a foundation of basics for future support of the High School programs.
- To create an opportunity for children to be with their friends and to make new friends.
- To have FUN!

NOW is the time to register for the Winter Youth Basketball Program. This program is open to girls and boys grades $K-8^{th}$ grade. Leagues consist of unified (for special needs youth); co-ed grade K; co-ed grade 1; co-ed grade 2; boys 3-4, 5-6, 7-8; girls 3-4, 5-6, 7-8. Games are scheduled for Saturdays; practices for grades 2-8 are scheduled during the week. Games or practices canceled due to "no school days", weather conditions and/or last minute school scheduling conflicts are not rescheduled. White-soled indoor gym sneakers are mandatory; jewelry of any kind is not allowed during practices & games, including newly pierced earrings.

BALL SIZES

We encourage each participant to have his/her own ball. Sizes vary according to age:

28" - K-2, Unified & Girls grades 3-4

Required Grades 5-8 **HS Gym**

Sat., Dec. 1st

Girls 5-6

Boys 5-6

9:00 Girls 7-8

10:00 Boys 7-8

11:30

1:00

29" - Boys grades 3-4

Girls grades 5-6 & 7-8 30" - Boys grades 5-6 & 7-8

Parents and players are required to attend a Parents' Meeting at the first team meeting.

- Players are not to be left for games or practices more than 5 minutes prior to the start of the practice/game and are to be picked up promptly at the conclusion. If no coach is present, do not leave
- Practices are an important part of this program and as such, attendance at weekly practices is required.
- Please do not over schedule your child we cannot schedule practices around your schedule.
- Team parents/monitors are required at all practices.
- Siblings and/or friends are not to attend practices with players or to be left without a parent at any time. Parents are required to monitor and have control over siblings at all times or your child will be dismissed from the program.
- Participants will be placed by **grade level**. Incorrect placement could result in injury. Please don't ask!
- The number of teams is established with a maximum number of players estimated at time of registration deadline. Registrations received after the deadline date will be placed on teams on a first come basis depending on space availability. No new teams will be formed after 12/8; late registrations will be placed on teams only as space allows.
- Because of practice space limitations, some practices may be later than you would prefer. We cannot make team changes because of practice times. ASSESSMENTS

THE SEASON: January 7, 2008 - March 8, 2008

TIMES: Practices for K, 1 & Unified teams will be held on Saturdays beginning January 12th. All other leagues from grade 2 and up will

have one (1) practice per week for one (1) hour beginning 1/7 and one

(1) Saturday game.

COST: Maximum \$140/family. Cost includes t-shirts, NYSCA \$56/player.

coaches' training, custodial fees, Saturday monitor costs, referee fees,

equipment, advertising/printing and K-2 pizza party.

REGISTRATION: Register in person at the Recreation Office (in Senior/Youth Center we have a 24-hr outside drop box) or by mail. Make checks payable

to "TOWN OF GRANBY" and remit to Granby Recreation, c/o

Recreation Dept., 15C North Granby Road, Granby, CT 06035.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Registration must be postmarked no later than Tuesday, November 27th LATE? Include \$10 late fee; max \$25/family. Any registrations received on or after 11/28 will be accepted only on a team space available basis. While we will make every attempt to find a place on a team for your child, there is no guarantee. Absolutely no registrations will be accepted after 12/21. Please plan your schedule carefully - we ARE NOT responsible for changes in your personal schedule once the teams have been formed. Refunds after 12/21 will be issued only if there is no team available.

BIRTH CERTIFICATES:

A copy of a birth certificate is required with the registration unless you have submitted one previously for basketball or fall soccer. All registrations without an accompanying birth certificate will be held until a copy of the certificate is received. Granby Parks & Recreation is NOT associated with Little League; if you have submitted a certificate to Granby Little League, we do not have access to it.

COACHES' BACKGROUND CHECKS - All coaches are asked to complete a background check release form prior to the start of the season.



It is the policy of the Granby Parks & Recreation Department to offer recreational opportunities to all residents in town. Scholarship and other general information are available upon request; all information is strictly confidential.

<u>Important Dates To Remember</u>

BASKETBALL PLAYERS' CLINIC - Sat., Nov. 10th; 11:00-3:00. Location: TBA. Wally Hansen & Vince Scacchitti, GMHS b-ball coaches will present a clinic for grades 3-8. This clinic will stress skill & fundamentals with offensive & defensive drills. Cost: \$24/person. Limited to 50 players. Pre-registration required. <u>REGISTRATION DEADLINE</u> – Must be postmarked by <u>Tues.</u>, <u>Nov. 27th</u> to avoid the late fee.

ASSESSMENTS - Sat., Dec. 1st; MS Gym. Required of all players in grades 5-8. See times on other side.

Coaches' Meeting - Thurs. Dec. 6th, 7:30PM at the Senior/Youth Center. For grades 3-8 only. Team assignments and practice schedules. Coaches only; coordinators will call to confirm.

BEARS' B-BALL MINI CLINIC - Sat., Dec. 15th, 1/9:00-12:00 OR II/12:30-3:30. Location: MS Gym. For girls & boys in

Instruction by Coach Coleman Smith; clinic will include instruction, drills & contests aimed at shooting & ball handling. \$18.50/person. Limited to 40 players per session; need to pre-register with the Recreation Dept. Use separate Mini-Clinic registration form. Do NOT add to this registration form.

<u>COACHES' MEETING</u> - Sat., Jan. 5th; 8:30AM. At the Senior/Youth Center. <u>Mandatory</u> for ALL coaches and assistants. Distribution of equipment, uniforms, general information and game schedules.

COACHES' CLINIC - Sat., Jan. 5th; 10-12:00. Location: Community Gym. Meet with the GMHS coaches and learn how they organize their teams, what they do at practices and what they would like to see the Rec coaches accomplish. FREE but pre-register.

REFEREE TRAINING - Sat., Jan. 5th; 10:00-12:00 (approx.) Location: MS Gym. You must attend in order to ref. Register by 12/14/07. Required of all refs & Div. Coordinators; coaches grades 3-8 welcome. Refs are paid and must be 14 years

NYSCA COACHES' TRAINING - a nationally recognized certification program for volunteer youth sports coaches. Mandatory for all new coaches & assistants. No cost - certification fees are paid by the league. Pre-registration is a must! All sessions will be held in the Senior/Youth Center. <u>DATE:</u> Sa Jan. 4th, 1:00-3:00/Basic; 3:00-5:00/Sport Specific.

PRACTICES BEGIN – Mon. – Fri., Jan. 7th–11th - for grades 2-8. Games begin Sat., Jan. 12th for all ages. Sat...

PARENTS' MEETINGS - All teams will hold parents' meetings prior to or at the first practice. Coaches will notify you of time and place for this meeting. Parents are required to attend with their player(s).

HOT SHOT CONTEST - Sat., Jan. 19th for girls & boys ages 9-15. Details to follow.

PICTURES - Sat., Jan. 26th. Schedules to follow.

SEASON ENDS - Sat., Mar. 8th.

COACHES' EQUIPMENT RETURN- Tues., Mar. 11th, 7:00-8:00PM, Recreation Office. Return equipment & paperwork, evaluate season, etc.

********* (TEAR & RETURN TO RECREATION DEPT. BY 11/27/07) **2008 YOUTH BASKETBALL REGISTRATION**

Job Opportunities

Must be 18 years old * Sat. Monitors * Sat. Scorekeepers

Call Rec Office to

apply

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